

## **BIB 221 Poetry and Wisdom**

### **Lesson 7 Psalms - Doctrinal content**

Intro. Though the Psalms are a collection of poems and songs written and compiled by numerous men across varying circumstances, yet they have a continuity to them. They are not unlike other scriptures in that they have much to say about the doctrines of the Bible. Much of the writings of Paul explaining major doctrinal themes are quotations from the Psalms. For example much of the third chapter in Romans defining the depravity of man and his unrighteousness is quoted from a handful of different Psalms. We are going to look at the surprising amount of doctrinal content found in the Psalms.

“It must not be supposed because these Scriptures are poetical that we cannot expect to find in them any theological instruction. Revelation of God may be made in ways other than by dogmatic statement. Will any one say that the hymns of the Reformation period, and of the Evangelical Revival have no theological value because they are hymns?”

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1. Soteriology - the subject of redemption appears numerous times, often in picturing the children of Israel and their redemption from Egypt or from Babylon.
  2. Saved/Salvation is used 73 times in the Psalms
  3. Emphasis is upon deliverance
  4. salvation is directly attributed to God “The God of my salvation” 12 times
    5. Ps. 18:46
    6. Ps. 25:5
    7. Ps. 27:9
    8. Ps. 74:12

Note: the form of God used is mostly Elohim when referring to the God of salvation possibly ascribing the work of salvation to the plural form of God emphasizing the role of the Trinity in redemption.

2. Creation - a major source of worship is the recognition of our creator
  3. This distinguishes Him from other gods. He is the Creator.
    4. Ps. 33:6
    5. Ps. 95:3-6
    6. Ps. 96:4-5
    7. Ps. 100:3
    8. Ps. 139:14
  9. Creation puts man in perspective Ps. 8:3-4

10. Anthropology - the study of man
  - Ps. 90:10
  - Ps. 144:3

4. Christology
  - Ps. 22:1,7-8,12-18

- Ps. 69:8-9,21
- Ps. 2:7,12
- Luke 24:44

5. Bibliology

- Ps. 119
- Ps. 19:7-8

6. Hamartiology - what better to sing about than the forgiveness of sin. What better to cause us to worship than a realization of our sin and His holiness.

- Ps. 51:1-10
- Ps. 32:1,2,5
- Ps. 5:4-6
- Ps. 14:1-3

7. Eschatology

- Ps. 2:1-6
- Ps. 110

Conclusion

The Psalms are the most frequently quoted book in the NT. *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine.”*

The importance of singing doctrinally correct hymns. Many times people will think they are quoting scripture when they are quoting a hymn. That is probably why they were quoted more than any other book because songs and poems are easier to memorize especially when set to music.